THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : The transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab and the transfer of some Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh are to take place simultaneously. The task of specifying the territories consisting of about 70,000 acres to be transferred from Punjab to Haryana, in lieu of Chandigarh, in terms of the recommendations made by the Justice Venkataramiah Commission, has been entrusted to Shri Justice D. A. Desai.

Communal Riots

986. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: *Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be* pleased to state

(a) the number of communal riots which took place in the country Statewise from January till October, 31, 1987;

(b) the number of persons killed/wounded in these riots,

(c) the total value of losses of property in these riots;

(d) the total compensation paid by Government to the victims of these riots; and

(e) the number of persons arrested and convicted therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (e) On the basis of the available information, a statement showing the particulars of major communal riots which took place in the country from 1st January, 1987 to 31st October, 1987 has been prepared and annexed [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 36]

Cases Panding in Labour Courts

987. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state .

(a) what is the number of cases pending in the various Labour Courts from January, 1986 till October, 1987. Statewise;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of the steps being taken by Government to clear the backlog ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The information relating to the industrial disputes pending before Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals in the States/Union Territories is not maintained. It is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

(c) The Working Group on Industrial Relations constituted for the formulation of the 7th Five Year Plan had recommended norms for disposal of cases and establishments of new courts. As per these recommendations, norms for disposal for each Tribunal should be 10 contested cases and for each Labour Court 20 contested applications per month and the normal workload of an Industrial Tribunal should be 200 cases and of the Labour Court 800 applications The Central Government have recently set up an Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court in Bangalore in addition to ten such existing tribunals The State Governments/Union Territories set up Industrial Tribunals/Labour Courts under the provision of Industrial Disputes Act for the State Sphere. The recommendations of the Working Group were communicated to all the State Governments/Union Territories with the request that remedial action be taken to reduce the pendency of cases. They are addressed from time to time to review the position of cases and wherever necessary set up additional Tribunals/Courts

Export of Carpet Backing Cloth

988. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that shippers of carpet backing cloth (CBCO) acting in league with manufacturing jute mills registered shipments for latin American countries though they were intended for delivery to Savannah, a US port

(b) whether it is a fact that under our export rules shippers are not allowed to sell carpet backing cloth in the U.S.A. and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the shippers ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c). The exports of Carpet backing cloth to U.S.A. are canalised through STC. A number of export contracts for carpet backing cloth were registered with Jute Commissioner's office showing that the goods are to be shipped to Non-Latin American Ports in transit to Latin American countries.

In order to ensure that the goods reach the declared destination, a circular has been issued to all shippers who got their export contracts for CBS registered with Jute Commissioner from November, 1986 to furnish a certificate duly countersigned by the Customs authorities of the country of destination alongwith corresponding registration number and date etc. For future the shippers have been informed that such contracts will be registered by Jute Commissioner only if the same are accompanied by a written undertaking about submission of Landing certificate duly countersigned by custom authorities of country of ultimate destination within 20 days from date of arrival of goods.

Scindia Shipping Company

989. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN :

DR (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping Credit & Investment Company of India has taken over Scindia Shipping Company, Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company has appointed a Receiver, and

(c) what are the reasons for taking over the Company (Scindia) and for the appointment of a Receiver ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY) : (a) to (c) M/s Scindia Steam Navigation Company, Bombay, which had received assistance from erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee defaulted in the payment of instalments of principal and interest. The Shipping Credit & Investment Company of India Ltd. as the designated person under Chapter-I of the Shipping Development Fund Committee (Abolition) Act, 1966 had, therefore, issued notice under Section 8 of the said Act in July, 1987 directing the Company to make payment of all dues and loans given by the erstwhile SDFC within a period of two weeks. On the failure of the company to repay the amount, SCICI in exercise of powers under Sections 9 and 10 of the Act appointed a Receiver in the company in respect of those ships which have been mortgaged to the Govt. of India and also reconstituted the Board of Directors.

Bank Frauds in the State Bank of Indore

990 SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of frauds committeed in the State Bank of Indore Branches throughout India during the last three years,

(b) what action has been taken by the Management against guilty officers/employees; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the bank management to avoid frauds in future.